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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Gerald W. Sachsenmaier, DOB 11/21/62, of Menomonie, Wisconsin, was convicted yesterday of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and distribution of cocaine, following a one-day trial in federal court in Madison.

The evidence at trial showed that from April to June of 2003, Sachsenmaier conspired to sell cocaine in the Menomonie area. It further showed that on or about May 24, 2003, Sachsenmaier sold cocaine at a party in Menomonie.

U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for August 17, 2005. Sachsenmaier faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

The charges against Sachsenmaier were the result of an investigation conducted by the West Central Drug Task Force. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Elizabeth Altman and Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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